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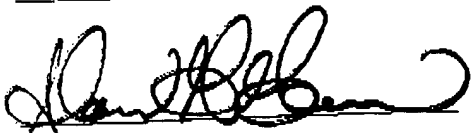
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. §1.97(b))

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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted within three months of the filing date of the above-identified Application. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449 in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3).

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d), Applicant respectfully submits that a copy of each document listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is not required to be submitted as each document was previously cited by the Patent Office in application Serial No. 08/539,413 filed 10/05/95, which is a divisional application of application Serial No. 08/264,795 filed 06/23/94. The present application is a continuation application of application Serial No. 08/539,413 filed 10/05/95.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicant reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or

otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicant do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.


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Please charge any fees for the extra claims to Deposit Account No. 13-2725. Any questions concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at 612-371-5219.

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